

Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to you today in regards to the Governor's recent press conference where he stated;

"We have more damn guns on the street than ever before in this state...We have more legal guns, we have more illegal guns... they're coming in from out of state and more guns on the street, more guns in the home means more gun violence and we're suffering from that gun violence."

More guns is not causation for more "gun violence." This bill fails to address the source of the problem and infringes on the rights of law abiding legal gun owners. Proposing a bill that lumps law abiding gun owners in with juveniles who commit crimes involving a gun is appalling. There are large swaths of this state that experience NO "gun violence." This only seems to be an issue in larger urban areas. Perhaps a bill addressing fatherless homes and better education in schools in urban areas would be a better strategy.

The governor's office claims that homicide is at a 25 year high which would mean that the last 30 years of gun control didn't decrease gun involved crime. Criminals do not obey gun control laws, this is a simple fact. Homicide is also not synonymous with murder. Homicides count both murders and justifiable homicides like when a police officer or a civilian kills an assailant in self-defense. It is dubiously misleading to include murders committed by criminals in the homicide statistics.

Infringing on the second amendment rights of law abiding citizens in Connecticut is not the solution to increased juvenile crime, harsher consequences and prosecuting juveniles who are convicted of committing crimes to the fullest extent of the law (which does not seem to be happening) is.

You must OPPOSE S.B. 16 legislation and oppose gun control.

In addition, **I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416** – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,
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